

PRICE, EDWARD MEREDITH (1816 - 1898), musician

Name: Edward Meredith Price
Date of birth: 1816
Date of death: 1898
Parent: John Price
Gender: Male
Occupation: musician
Area of activity: Music; Religion
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Born in 1816 at Pen-lan, a mountain cottage in Pant-y-dwr, S. Harmon, Radnorshire, son of John Price; both his parents died when he was young. He began to take an interest in music at an early age. He had become acquainted with **Hafrenydd** (Thomas Williams, 1807 - 1894), in whose *Ceinion Cerddoriaeth*, 1852, six of Price's hymn-tunes, including the very well known ' St. Garmon,' appeared; in 1855 his tune ' Natalia ' appeared in G. Harris's *Haleliwiah Drachefn*; see **R. D. Griffith**, *Hanes Canu CynulleidfaoI Cymru*, 157, 162.

When his brother died, Price sold the cottage and emigrated to Australia. He had intended returning to this country on the *Royal Charter* but, fortunately for himself, failed to catch it - the ship, it will be remembered, was wrecked on the coast of Anglesey, 20 October 1859. After returning home he settled in his native parish where he continued to compose. In his later years, however, he lived at Builth, where he died 5 March 1898 at the age of 82; he was buried 9 March in Builth churchyard. In 1935 a memorial stone was erected over his grave.

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